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Letter dated 19 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to draw your attention to the act of terrorism which was perpetrated today in Israel by Palestinian terrorists. Initial reports have revealed the following:

(1) At 8.55 a.m. local time, a bomb exploded on a commuter bus travelling in rush hour traffic near Dizengoff Square in the heart of Tel Aviv. The bomb, which weighed approximately 10 kilograms, killed 22 people and injured 48. Three of the wounded are listed in critical condition;

(2) The bus, Dan Liens No. 5, was completely destroyed, and an adjacent bus was severely damaged. The majority of the injured were passengers on the first bus. Passengers on the other, as well as innocent bystanders, also numbered among those wounded in the attack;

(3) The Palestinian terrorist organization Hamas claimed responsibility for this attack and has threatened to carry out more terrorist acts of this kind.

The murderous forces responsible for this attack seek to undermine the peace process, and act in contravention of all human values and international norms.

In the past two weeks, Hamas has also been responsible for the terrorist attack in Jerusalem in which two people were killed and 13 wounded (A/49/498-S/1994/1150), and for the abduction and murder of Israel Defence Forces Corporal Nachshon Waxman (A/49/510-S/1994/1158).

Today's attack occurred following the historic initialling of a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan, and at a time when serious efforts are being made to advance negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Inspired by a radical, fundamentalist ideology, Hamas has repeatedly declared its commitment to oppose the peace process by violent means, and to carry out acts of terrorism directed against Israel and Israelis.

Israel will not allow this act of violence to weaken its commitment to the peace process.

We call upon the parties in the Middle East which support the peace process, as well as the rest of the international community, to strongly condemn this attack and to join in confronting the terrorist threat.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 142, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Gad YAACOBI
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to the United Nations

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